**Welcome to Valleywood Middle School. My name is Gene Vande Bunte. , and I will have your son or daughter in technology for 9 weeks. All 6th graders take this class during the school year. This class is very hands on, and we complete all the work in class. I am a graduate from Hope College, and received my masters from Western Michigan University.**

**Weekly activities and projects are entered into the computer for students and parents to view. The website is** [**http://vandebunteclass.wikispaces.com/**](http://vandebunteclass.wikispaces.com/)**. If you click on *lesson plan calendar* and then click on *6th grade technology,* the activity for each day will come up.**

**There are two easy ways to contact me. My school e-mail is [Gene.Vandebunte@kentwoodps.org](mailto:Gene.Vandebunte@kentwoodps.org) . You can e-mail me anytime during the day. You may also call Valley wood. The phone number is 538-7670. My extension is 34304. My prep time is 1:15-2:00 PM.**

**Grades will be computed in the following manner:**

**Sketchpad is about a 2 week interactive computer program we complete. It has several worksheets to be done in class. This is 15 % of the grade.**

**Paper platform project takes about 1 week, and is a group activity. It counts 15 % of the grade. Students try to make a platform to hold as many pennies as possible.**

**The hot air balloon project counts 15 %. We also explore the history of the hot air balloon.**

**Computers programs for problem solving are completed in about 2 weeks and equal 15 % of the grade.**

**The zip line project is also 15 % of the grade.**

**Create your own website for advertising is 15 % of the grade.**

**How well students work in the groups and complete the projects is 10 % of the grade.**

**Sincerely**

**Mr. Vande Bunte**